

family. By the way, his sister Patty wrote this great letter to me, which I read all about his community service.

Boy, Dan, your sister thinks you are amazing. We hope that you will come back. Actually, we are pretty confident you are going to come back to Alaska because we want you to come back. You are not done serving our community.

We know this: Officer Welborn will certainly be missed, and he will miss being a patrol officer. He loved working the traffic beat because of all the people he got to meet and all the times he got to help people on the road. Of course, there are things about the job he won't miss. I am not sure this is talked about enough, images that will likely stick with him and images that, unfortunately, haunt many police officers across the country because the fact of the matter is, people can be difficult. People can be brutal to each other, domestic violence and child abuse. The police see it all. It is not easy, and he has witnessed way too much of that brutality, and he has protected Fairbanks' citizens from a lot of it.

Here is what he also knows: Mostly, the vast majority of people are good, and that is so important to remember. Alaskans are good people. Americans are good people. He has witnessed that, too, and he has contributed to that goodness.

He recently told a story about a time at the department that will stay with him. He talked about attending a wedding at a hotel. There was a man there setting tables and working at the hotel. He looked at Officer Welborn and said, "Officer, can I talk to you for a minute?" He said, "Sure." This man went up to Officer Welborn and said:

Officer, you probably don't remember me, but you arrested me years ago for a DUI. [I was having problems then, and] I've turned my life around since then. All these years later, Officer Welborn, I still remember how well you treated me.

Think about that. Those are the kind of good memories that will stay with Dan too. So, thank you, Officer Welborn, for all you have done for our community and the great city of Fairbanks. Thanks for your service to Alaska and to America. Thanks for protecting us and for setting the example with respect.

We wish you all the happiness in retirement. We really want you to come back to Alaska, so don't stay in St. Louis too long. The Cardinals aren't even that good of a baseball team.

Congratulations on being our Alaskan of the Week.

I yield the floor.

(Mr. SULLIVAN assumed the Chair.)
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT of Florida). The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to executive session and the Committee on Commerce be discharged from further consideration of PN1674; that the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

PN1674—COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under Title 14 U.S.C., sec. 2121(e):

To be captain

ERIN N. ADLER
BRADFORD E. APITZ
WILLIAM L. ARMITT
MATTHEW J. BAER
JONATHAN BATES
KRISTI L. BERNSTEIN
MARC BRANDT
VERONICA A. BRECHT
JASON A. BRENNELL
RANDALL E. BROWN
JONATHAN A. CARTER
MICHAEL A. CILENTI
DANIEL H. COST
CHRISTOPHER F. COUTU
THOMAS D. CRANE
PATRICK A. CULVER
THOMAS C. DARCY
CARMEN S. DEGEORGE
KELLY K. DENNING
JOSE E. DIAZ
KEITH M. DONOHUE
ERIC D. DREY
DAVID M. DUBAY
JEFFREY T. ELDRIDGE
BRIAN C. ERICKSON
SEAN C. FAHEY
JOSHUA W. FANT
AMY E. FLORENTINO
BENJAMIN M. GOLIGHTLY
JEFFREY R. GRAHAM
JASON B. GUNNING
MATTHEW W. HAMMOND
SEAN P. HANNIGAN
JOHN HENRY
EDWARD J. HERNAEZ
WESLEY H. HESTER
TEDD B. HUTLEY
MICHAEL S. JACKSON
ANDREW S. JOCA
ERIC J. JONES
WARREN D. JUDGE
DANIEL P. KEANE
BRAD W. KELLY
DIRK L. KRAUSE
BRIAN C. KRAUTLER
MARK I. KUPERMAN
MICHAEL R. LACHOWICZ
TAYLOR Q. LAM
LEANNE M. LUSK
BENJAMIN J. MAULE
LEON MCCLAIN JR.
EUGENE D. MCGUINNESS
ZEITA MERCHANT
JOSEPH E. MEUSE
JOSHUA P. MILLER
MATTHEW J. MOORLAG
STEPHANIE A. MORRISON
MAURICE D. MURPHY
BRYAN C. PAPE
JOSE PEREZ
SHANNON M. PITTS
ROBERT H. POTTER JR.
SCOTT B. POWERS
CLINTON J. PRINDLE
ARTHUR L. RAY

RYAN S. RHODES
LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ
RICHARD M. SCOTT
MICHAEL R. SINCLAIR
JENNIFER A. STOCKWELL
JOHN M. STONE
TODD C. TROUP
DANIEL R. URSINO
DANIEL R. WARREN
CHARLES E. WEBB
MOLLY A. WIKE
ERIN E. WILLIAMS
WILLIAM C. WOITYRA
CHRISTOPHER G. WOLFE
MARC A. ZLOMEK

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, we are now several months into a global pandemic that has caused terrible human and economic suffering.

Here in the United States alone, more than 2.3 million Americans have been infected, and more than 120,000 have died.

That is more Americans killed in the Korean, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars combined and more than those killed in one of our most deadly wars, World War I.

I recently spoke with Melinda Gates about the foundation she and her husband Bill established and its efforts regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

Bill warned years ago to prepare for just this kind of pandemic, including directly with Donald Trump just before taking office.

Not surprisingly, their foundation has provided millions to global efforts to find a vaccine and treatment for the coronavirus.

One such event was an EU-hosted virtual conference in May with many of our key allies that raised more than \$8 billion to be spent over 2 years to further promising vaccine and treatment efforts.

The EU and Norway each gave \$1 billion; the French, Germans, and Brits combined also gave nearly \$1 billion; the Canadians pledged \$850 million; the Swiss \$400 million, and the Dutch, \$200 million. Japan and others also made sizeable pledges.

The Gates Foundation gave \$125 million, with Melinda wisely telling the gathering, "This virus doesn't care what nationality you are . . . As long as the virus is somewhere, it's everywhere."

And what was the contribution of the United States? Nothing.

The U.S. Government under President Trump didn't participate in this shared effort that could help save American lives.

But that is not all. On this 40th anniversary of the World Health Organization's historic achievement to eradicate smallpox, President Trump also

withdrew the United States and suspended U.S. funding from this key global health organization.

That is right, amid a deadly, worldwide pandemic with devastating impacts on the American people, President Trump decided this was the time to walk away from the body heading a global response.

I cannot think of more counter-productive, ill-informed, and petty decision when it comes to addressing this pandemic.

Twice in the last 2 months, I came to the floor to ask consent on a simple and timely resolution sponsored by nearly half of this Chamber's Members.

It urged increased American participation in these global coronavirus vaccine and treatment efforts.

After all, we don't know where a vaccine or effective treatment may ultimately be discovered. With so much medical and scientific knowledge, it may be here in the United States. I hope so.

But why not team up with our allies on joint programs that maximize and speed up the chances of success? Do we really want the American people left out of such efforts?

For example, today there are more than 100 coronavirus vaccine candidates in development worldwide. The United States launched Operation Warp Speed to focus on 14 of them, including promising ones like those from Oxford-AstraZeneca and Moderna.

We are proud to have some of the world's best researchers and experts—from the NIH and our leading universities to private industry—but it is quite plausible the safest and most effective vaccine will be developed in Germany, China, or elsewhere.

But when the United States pursues a go-it-alone approach while the rest of the world is working together, where will that leave us?

Look no further than the worldwide demand and competition we faced accessing PPE. The supply chain for vaccine products like glass vials, stoppers, and syringes will demand global cooperation.

Just ask NIH's Drs. Fauci and Collins, who said, "The ability to manufacture hundreds of millions to billions of doses of vaccine requires the vaccine-manufacturing capacity of the entire world."

But ultimately it is simple math. Most of the vaccine candidates currently in human trials have not originated in the United States, joining global efforts makes sense and is the point of my resolution.

Sadly, the majority objected both times.

Therefore, I am pleased to announce that this week, the resolution has finally passed the full Senate, and I want to thank Senators Lee and Risch for working with me on a path forward.

This final resolution now states the obvious: that the United States should work with key partners around the world to find an effective and timely coronavirus vaccine and treatment.

On this historic 40th anniversary of the global cooperative effort that eradicated smallpox, I can think of no more timely message from the Senate.

I only wish we had said so sooner.

BORROWER DEFENSE RULE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week, the House of Representatives will vote on the override of President Trump's veto of my resolution overturning Education Secretary Betsy DeVos's borrower defense rule.

Congress passed the resolution on a bipartisan basis in both Chambers. Ten Republicans joined Democrats to overturn the rule in the Senate.

Unfortunately, in just the eighth veto of his Presidency, President Trump rejected the measure.

Unless Congress overrides his veto—with a two-thirds vote in both the House and the Senate—the DeVos borrower defense rule will take effect.

It means that student borrowers who are defrauded by their schools will have almost no chance of getting their Federal student loans forgiven.

Estimates show that only 3 percent of all student loans associated with school misconduct and fraud will be forgiven under the DeVos rule.

That is because it places unreasonable new burdens on defrauded borrowers.

First, the DeVos rule eliminates all group relief.

It makes every individual borrower who is defrauded gather and submit their own evidence instead of being able to apply as a group when they have experienced similar misconduct.

To prove their claims, borrowers must provide evidence that the school intended to deceive them, had knowledge of the deception, or acted with reckless disregard for the truth.

How are defrauded borrowers supposed to prove that?

In addition, borrowers under the DeVos rule are required to show financial harm above and beyond the fact that they now carry huge amounts of debt as a result of their experience.

They have to prove that they have been trying to find a job, weren't fired, or didn't fail to meet other employment standards. It is unfair and excessive.

Who are these borrowers who are being defrauded? More than 318,000 student borrowers have applied for borrower defense relief from the Department of Education.

They come from every State in the Union. Sadly, many of them are veterans. That is why more than 30 veterans organizations, including the American Legion, called on President Trump to sign our resolution to overturn this terrible rule.

In his statement "imploping" Trump to sign, American Legion National Commander James "Bill" Oxford said:

Student veterans are a tempting target for . . . for-profit schools to mislead with deceptive promises while offering degrees and cer-

tificates of little-to-no value. Under [the DeVos rule], it is nearly impossible for veterans to successfully use a borrower defense [to have their loans forgiven when they've been defrauded].

Unfortunately, just days after Memorial Day, President Trump ignored the pleas of veterans and vetoed the resolution.

This issue isn't going away anytime soon.

More students are going to be defrauded by for-profit colleges and are going to be left high and dry by the DeVos rule—unless Congress votes to override Trump's veto.

The Department of Education estimates that nearly 200,000 borrowers will be subject to illegal practices by their schools next year alone.

Those estimates were before the current pandemic, which creates a new opportunity for predatory for-profit schools to take advantage of students.

Last week, a New York Times article entitled "For-Profit Colleges, Long Troubled, See Surge Amid Pandemic."

The article notes how the industry saw a similar surge during the 2008 financial crisis when Americans were losing jobs and turning to flexible, highly advertised, for-profit college programs to continue their education in an attempt to make themselves more marketable to employers.

Unfortunately, these programs are too often of dubious quality, the promises they make are often false, and the cost leaves students buried in debt.

For-profit college stocks are beginning to see increases as investors smell the opportunity.

The CEO of for-profit American Public Education, Inc., which owns American Public University and American Military University, put it plainly when she said, "The pandemic has created an unexpected opportunity."

Predatory for-profit Ashford University is hiring hundreds of new recruiters to take advantage.

We are seeing these for-profit schools use the same tactics they developed during the last recession.

Only this time, if the DeVos rule goes into effect, these defrauded borrowers will be stuck with crippling student debt for a worthless degree for the rest of their lives.

I ask unanimous consent that the New York Times article to which I referred to be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

My colleagues in the House will have the chance to hold schools accountable and not leave students and veterans holding the bag for the misconduct of their schools.

I urge Republicans and Democrats to come together, stand with students and veterans, and vote to override the President's veto.

How many of us have given speeches about how much we support our military and veterans?

Well, tomorrow is the time to prove it by voting to override the President's veto and overturning the DeVos borrower defense rule.